तमिलनाडु	103.07	108.65	110.75
केरल	54.63	66.69	65.14
कर्नाटक	4.20	4.00	3.96
योग (दक्षिण भारत)	161.90	179.34	179.85
अखिल भारत	732.32	758.06	743.78

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Supply of Coal to bulk linkage consumers

1368. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that adequate quantity of coal is not received by the bulk linkage consumers like power plants, during summer and rainy seasons;

(b) what are the seasonal variations in production; and

(c) what steps are being taken to maintain the adequate supply of coal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Coal Companiesd have, in normal circumstances, been able to make available adequate quantities of coal to the consumer like power sector during the summer and rainy seasons. During the period April-June, 1995, provisional despatches of coal to power plants from Coal India Limited (CIL) sources were 39.88 million tonnes as against a target of 39.12 million tonnes for this period.

(b) The summer and rainy seasons are spread over in the first half of the year. The trend in production of coal in CIL during the summer and rainy seasons as compared to annual production is given below:

(In million tonnes)

	1st Half		Annual	
Year	Production	Achievement/ month	Production	Achievement/ month
1994-95 (Prov.)	90.25	15.04	223.16	18.60
1993-94	89.05	14.84	216.10	18.00

(c) Coal Companies build up adequate stocks at pithead before the onset of summer and monsoon months and despatches are made from these stocks to supplement the somewhat lower production in these months. The supply of coal to the power sector and other core sectors are given the highest priority and the movement is monitored on a constant basis by an inter-ministerial group. Corrective action is taken whenever necessary. Coal Companies also take measures to ensure movement of coal to other consumers.

World Bank Survey on control of fires in coal mines

1369. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a World Bank team was engaged to conduct survey on the control of coal fires raging in the mines of Bharat Coking Coals Limited;

(b) if so, what was the specific work assigned to the team, their findings and recommendations;

(c) how many mines have been affected by these fires, which are the affected seams of these mines, how much area is involved and what is the tonnage of coal involved in these fires; and

(d) what are the plans to extinguish these fires and within what time frame?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) Under the World Bank aided technical assistance project, a diagnostic study of Jharia coalfield fires is in progress and two international consultants are engaged in preparing the following reports:—

(i) to develop a fire fighting programme of each of the known fire in Jharia Coalfield.

(ii) to prepare an Environmental Management Plan for Jharia Coalfield.

(c) As per available information, thirty five coal mines of BCCL involving a number of seams and covering an area of about 17 Sq. Kms. have been affected by fires. A precise estimate of coal reserves lost due to fire in Jharia coalfield is difficult. However, it is estimated that about 37 million tonnes of coal reserve might have been damaged due to fires and about 1853 million tonnes of coal reserve is trapped due to these fires which cannot be mined.

(d) The relevant details would be known only after the report on diagnostic study is available.

Employment for Children of Beedi Workers

1370. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what are the prospects for employment of the children of Beedi workers in the same sector by the year 2005 A.D.;

(b) whether any study has been done by Labour Ministry to assess the future employment in the Beedi sector; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) No such study has been conducted by the Ministry of Labour.

Directorate General of Employment and Training

1371. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the administrative work in certain sections in the Directorate General of Employment and Training is being looked after by Assistant Directors, Deputy Directors, Joint Directors etc.;

(b) whether the Staff Inspection Unit, while conducting study has recommended abolition of redundant and unnecessary posts between Section Officer and Joint Secretary;

(c) whether abolitation of such redundant posts can streamline the functioning of the Sections by posting only one Under Secretary between Section Officer and the Joint Secretary; and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) the work measurement study was carried out by Staff Inspection Unit, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure at different periods of time. One report was given in 1987-88 and based on that report, 53 posts which were declared as redundant were abolished out of which two posts are between the level of Section Officer and Joint Secretary, in 1990-91, another study was made by Staff Inspection Unit relating to Data Processing Unit and recommendation was made for abolition of one post which has already been done. In 1992-93, a work measurement-study of a part of Training Directorate was made and based on that study, 10 posts of different levels were abolished. Further, Staff Inspection Unit has also submitted tentative reports on Method Study of Training Directorate